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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/587,116

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For: PRODUCTION AND USE OF  
DERIVATIZED HOMOSERINE  
LACTONES

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 12, 2003, on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.